the various categories of stainless steel sheets. Now, recently there was a news item in the Press that the Steel Authority of India are now saddled with surplus steel plates and now they are turning out steel dinner sets. Is it a fact that because of the so called liberalisation of imports, our own steel sheets are not finding a market and, therefore, the Steel Authority of India.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Not relevant, Mr. Indradeep Sinha. Next question: 142.

Strike by Casual and Workcharge Employees of DDA

*142. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether casual and work charge Class IV employees of the Delhi Development Authority had been on hunger strike and demonstrating outside Nirman Bhavan since April 10, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details of the demands made by them; and

(c) what has been Government's response to each of their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The hunger strike was, however, called off on 25-4-86 as a result of discussions held between the DDA officials and the Union on 24-4-86.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) DDA has intimated that discussions were held on almost all the demands and the representatives of the Union were apprised of the Authority's reaction to each of the demands.

The Government have approved the stand of the DDA.

Statement

D.D.A. Workers' Union

(Regd., Recognised & INTUC affiliated

Points for discussion in the meeting

1. Appointment of Sectional Officer (Hort.) out of the empanelled personnel.

2. Re-instatement of Shri Bijendra Singh.

2A. Payment of Benevolent Fund, Group Insurance amount, pension Gratuity etc. to the dependents of the deseased workers within 15 days.

3. Constitution of Works Committee.

4. Allotment of office accommodation at Vikas Sadan, provision of telephone, typewriter and furniture etc. and to enquire how unrecognised Unions have been allotted accommodation at Vikas Minar or Vikas Sadan and under what rules.

5. Letters of recognised Union must be responded and no correspondence with unrecognised Unions be allowed workload of Unions leaders & their Executive Members be assessed.

6. Enquiry into violation of recruitment rules and orders of the Lt. Governor issued from time to time in the promotion of Assistant Directors (Hort.).

7. Issue of individual orders of regularisation of work charged staff working prior to 31-12-78 and for revision of pay scales of the Mates who have completed 7 years service as notified by the Personnel Deptt.

8. Supply of liveries in time, liverypustika and Provident Fund pass-Books and due of the liveries may not lapse because of non-supply as well as liveries for Mates & full categories like Carpenter, painter etc.

9. Provision of at least 5000 staff quarters more and work-charge employee should also get the same.

10. Extension of pension and gratuity benefits to the dependents of Work-Charged staff.

11. Opening of consumers Store for the staff and subsidised Departmental Canteen at Vikas Minar and Vikas Sadan.

12. Declaration of the eligible staff into Quasi-permanent, confirmation of the posts and eligible staff of work-charge and regular categories.

13. Periodical transfers of staff & repatriation of deputationists, who have completed normal tenure.

14. Regularisation of S|Sh. Kanhaya Lal, Mason, Hari Lal, Fitter, Surinder Singh, Asstt. Fitter, H.O. VI, Madangir & Chittar Mali of Horticulture.

15. Implementation of the decision of the meetings dated 16-5-84, 6-8-84, 16-9-84 and the meetings with the representatives of the Drivers.

16. Staff-quota in built-up Flats & Plots.

17. Revision of pay-scales of Daftris and re-designation of the Beldars of Land-protection Branch.

18. Increase in F.T.A. F.C.A., Cycle & Medical Allowance and grant of the facility of F.T.A., F.C.A. or any other allowance in lieu thereof to the left categories.

19. Recruitment of L.D.C.s out of Class-IV staff only as agreed to on 26-9-78.

20. Bringing of all daily wagers into work-charge.

21. O.T.A. to despatch riders should be at par with drivers and no ceiling of O.T.A. for Drivers & Chowkidars.

22. Filling up of all vacant posts.

23. Leave Encashment.

24. Delay in writing of C.Rs. should not cost the promotion of staff.

25. Provision of basic amenities at Vikas Sadan like Yamuna water, good sanitation & fittings in urinals.

26. Revision of pay-scales of B.Sc. (Ag.), B.A. & M.A. staff working as class IV and designation as per work assigned to them.

27. Posts of Assistant Traffic Inspectors & Traffic Inspectors to Drivers giving preference to Ex-servicemen.

28. Creation of full posts of Carpenters, painters, fitters, Pump Operators Mechanics, etc.

29. Increase in daily rates of daily-wagers.

30. Dirt Allowance & Washing allowance be kept separate.

31. Provision of Holiday Home facility.

32. Revocation of suspension orders regarding Tughlaquabad area.

33. Compensation to daily-wagers for work for Asiad.

34. Selection Grade to Chowkidars who are stagnating.

35. Revision of pay scales of Accountants and Accounts Officer to bring at par with those in C.A.G. Office.

The demands which are within the rules and regulations of DDA are being accepted.

श्री रामचन्द्र भारद्वाज मान्यवर मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या उनको यह पता है कि प्री-एशियाड के समय में सौ के करीब पोस्ट ग्रैजुएट और ग्रैजुएट लोगों को बेलदार और खलासी की जगह पर अप्वाइंट किया गया था और तब से लगा कर उनसे क्लक का काम लिया गया मगर उन्हें

पेमेन्ट मिला बेलदार और खलासी का और इस हंगर स्ट्राइक के मूल में सबसे बड़ी भावना यही थी। उनका कहना है कि जब दूसरे लोगों को आप उन जगहों पर अप्वाइन्ट कर रहे हैं रेगुलर वैकेंसीज में तो हमको इसमें प्राथमिकता (प्रायरिटी) क्यों नहीं दी जा रही है। तो मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या इसके बारे में मंत्री जी को जानकारी है और अगर जानकारी है तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि कितने दिनों तक ऐसे लोगों को पोस्ट ग्रैजुएट और ग्रैजुएट लोगों को जो क्लैरिकल काम देखते हैं और करते हैं उनको इस तरह से खटका पड़ेगा ?

श्री दलबीर सिंह: श्रीमन् जो यूनियन ने 35 डिमान्ड्स रखी हैं तो जो माननीय सदस्य ने कहा है यह भी इसमें शामिल है। जो इसके चीफ पैट्रन मुख्य संरक्षक हैं और जो डी० डी० ए० यूनियन में है उन्होंने इसके संबंध में हगर स्ट्राइक भी कर रखी थी लेकिन इसको लेकर 24-4-1986 को डी०डी०ए० के अधिकारियों की बैठक हुई। बैठक में जो उन्होंने 35 डिमांड रखी हैं सब पर विचार किया गया है और इसी के फलस्वरूप इन्होंने अपनी भूख हड़ताल 24-4-86 को समाप्त कर दी।

श्री रामचन्द्र भारद्वाज: क्लास फोर के नाम पर जो लोग लिए गये और वह काम करते रहे क्लर्क का और उनकी बातचीत हुई। क्लास-फोर इम्पलाइज जो हैं वे लगातार केजुअल बेसेज पर काम कर रहे हैं ... (**व्यवधान**)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bharadwaj, you did not carefully listen to the answer of the hon. Minister. All these points were discussed and a settlement was reached. That is why, this strike was withdrawn. Now, you are going back to the same thing again.

श्री रामचन्द्र भारद्वाज: मान्यवर, उत्तर में यह कहा गया है कि डी०डी०ए० ने जो कुछ निर्णय लिया या जो कुछ बातचीत हुई उस पर सरकार ने अपनी मोहर लगा दी है। अब तो सरकार सामने आ जाती है और यह बतला सकती है कि क्या बातचीत हुई और क्या मोहर लगा दी।

श्री अब्दुल गफूर: सभापति जी, जितनी बात हुई उनके रिप्रेजेंटेटिव्ज से और डी०डी०ए० और हमारे आफिसर्ज के दरम्यान में और उस सिलसिले में इन लोगों ने हंगर स्ट्राइक काल आफ किया। हमने डी०डी०ए० से कहा है कि आप विदिन टू वीक्स जो बात हुई है जिन पर एग्रीमेंट हुआ और कुछ ऐसी बातें हैं जिन पर एग्रीमेंट हुआ लेकिन उस पर दूसरों से भी एग्रीमेंट कराना है इन सारी चीजों के मिनट बना कर के आपके पास भेज दें। इसके बाद अगर कोई कमी हो तो मेरे पास आइये हम देख लेंगे।

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Sir, at the end of the reply that they have given in the written statement, the hon. Minister has stated that the demands which are within the rules and regulations of the D.D.A. are being accepted. I would like to know which are the demands which are not within the rules. Out if these 35 demands, which are the demands which are not within the rules? ?

श्री अब्दुल गफूर: उनकी डिमांडस तो हम बता देते हैं लेकिन उसमें आधा घंटा लग जाएगा।

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Member did not ask you to read the statement. He asked which of the demands have not been accepted. Can you tell now which of the demands have not been accepted?

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: There are 35 demands and it is very difficult until and unless I go through them.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Have you got in your brief which are the demands which have not been accepted?

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: I read one demand, for example, so that everybody can understand that this is within the rules and it has been accepted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You must have in your brief the number of demands which have been accepted and the number of demands which have been rejected. Have you got that number?

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Sir, such a serious matter is being taken so lightly.

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: I am not taking it lightly. All the demands were very seriously discussed. Some of the workers had gone on hunger strike, i.e., fastunto death. Then I directed my officers and D.D.A. officers to call them and to discuss the matter with them. They have come to a conclusion. There are certain things for which it is essential that we take the consent of the Finance Department. Then, there are certain anomalies. Similar workers in the C.P.W.D. and Horticulture Departments are getting a certain amount of pay. They want more than that. These few anomalies are there which came up in the course of the discussion. After consulting the C.P.W.D. and the Finance Department, everything that is within the rules will be accepted. So, I have asked them to prepare the minutes indicating which are the demands which have been accepted and which demands need the concurrence of other Departments. Then they will send it to the Union. After that, if there is any anomaly between them, I am always there at their disposal.

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Sir, my question has not been understood. There are certain demands which are within the rules and in regard to these demands they will have discussions with some other institutions. The question is that there must have been some demands about which they must have said outright, at the beginning, that they are not within the rules.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Minister, you must have a list of demands which have been accepted and a list of demands which are not accepted because they are not within the rules. Have you got that?

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: Demand No. 9: Provision of at least 5,000 staff quarters more and work-charge employee should also get the same.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Has it been accepted?

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: That has not been accepted?

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Any other demand? (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think, you had better put a separate question.

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Why a separate question, Sir?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has no information.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Where is the guarantee that he will have information next time? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: This question should be put for Monday.

SHRI J K. JAIN: He is giving the reply.

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: Sir, I plead guilty. Out of these 35 demands, I have to scrutinise which are the demands that have not been accepted. I have not scrutinised. That is the difficulty. If I read...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Minister, please scrutinise and send a reply to Mr. Mohunta.

SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Mr. Chairman, Sir, obviously it is a very slipshod reply and the statement does not give a real picture of the things. In part (c) of the question, it was asked as to what has been the Gov-

ernment's response to each of their demands. Now, in the very statement it should have been indicated as to what has been the Government's response, which are genuine demands and which are not genuine demands. The question is very clear...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Sir, you should pull up the Minister.

SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Mr. Upendra, I am on my feet. Sir, the Minister must admit that it is a very slipshod reply and it smacks obviously of some highhandedness that has been there in considering the genuine demands of the workers. Now, the Minister says that the demands are going to be accepted and a settlement with the staff has been reached. Why the settlement could not be reached before the employees started the agitation? If the demands were genuine they should have been agreed upon by the Administration, and the employees must not have been forced to resort to direct action or hunger strike. So, who is responsible for delay in giving due consideration to the genuine demands? That is number one. Secondly, by when these genuine demands are going to be accepted by the DDA or the Government as the case may be?

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: I have already told you that just today I have asked the Vice-Chairman of the DDA that "in the shortest possible time you prepare the minutes about the demands that you have accepted, the demands which you have rejected and all these things." He told me that within two weeks he will send all the minutes to the respective leaders of the Union and all that.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will he be alive by that time, the person on hunger strike?

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: They have called off the strike. The strike has ended. We have reached a stage where the demands were discussed in detail. And during the discussion there were some points on which they also agreed that they need clarification. So, if there are any tangible things which my hon. friend, needs clarification after they send the notes of the minutes of the meeting, I can always be at his disposal. He can come. And about the genuine demands, certainly the Government has no objection.

SHRI P. N. SUKUL: What is the response to each of the demands?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He will do it within two weeks. That is what he said.

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव: सभापति जी, मंत्री जी का कहना है कि सेटलमेंण्ट के वक्त इनके विभाग के आदमी वह मौजूद थे।

मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि जो आपके विभाग के आदमी वहां मौजूद थे, उन्होंने आपको क्या इनफार्मेशन दी कि किन-किन मांगों को मान लिया गया है और किन को नहीं माना गया है? आज जो अभी बता रहे हैं कि आपने स्क्रूटेनाईज़ नहीं किया है, तो जो आपके विभाग के लोग गये थे, उनका कोई प्रतिवेदन आपके पास है क्या? अगर कोई प्रतिवेदन है तो उसमें क्या बात है?

श्री अब्दुल गफूर: माननीय मेम्बर को मैं यह बता देना चाहता हूं कि डिमांड्स जब 1, 2, 3 रहती हैं, तब तो हर आदमी के जहन में रहता है कि यह डिमाण्ड हैं, लेकिन जब डिमाण्ड का लिस्ट जो है वह चालीस तक चला जाता है, तो हर डिमाण्ड पर जो उन्होंने दिया था, हर डिमाण्ड पर विचार हुआ है।

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव: आपके विभाग के जो लोग उस वार्ता में मौजूद थे, मैं तो यह जानना चाहता हूं कि उन्होंने वार्ता में भाग लेकर आपको क्या रिपोर्ट दी है? उतना ही मैं जानना चाहता हूं।

श्री अब्दुल गफूर : मैं इतना ही कहूंगा कि जो रूल्स एण्ड रेगुलेशंस में है, वह हमने एक्सैप्ट किया है ।

श्री राम चन्द्र विकल : मैं मंत्री जी से निश्चित रूप से जानना चाहता हूं कि सुलह के वक्त दो-चार मांगे ही वह बता दें जिनको वह स्वीकार करना चाहते हैं, लम्बा न बतायें, सिर्फ चार मांगे जिनको वह मानना चाहते है, वह बता दे ।

श्री वीरेंद्र वर्मा : उसके लिए भी उनको सूचना की आवश्यकता है ।

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Sir, the Minister while replying to the supplementaries stated that he has yet to know what are the demands on which acceptance is given by the DDA and what are the demands which have been rejected. However, the answer says, even without knowing what are the demands which are accepted and which are rejected, that the Government has approved the stand of the DDA. How is it possible? They do not know the demands that are to be accepted and the demands that are to be rejected. At the same time they give a blanket statement saying that the Government have approved of the stand of the DDA. Therefore, I would like to ask the Minister how could they come to the conclusion that they could approve the stand taken by the DDA without having approved the proposals as made in that meeting?

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: Sir, in the DDA meeting the Vice-Chairman and other Secretaries were also there. For example, there are three thousand field workers who are looking after the horticulture division. Some of them are on regular basis and some of them are on a temporary basis. They wanted that all of them should be regularised. Similarly, there are others, not in horticulture, but in other departments. They also wanted that those who are contract labours, should be regularised. They also wanted that all of them who are working there should be provided with quarters. Then another demand was that the Union members should be provided with telephones at their residences. The other demand of the union was that five per cent of the houses or flats should be given to the workers of the DDA. These are the plethora of demands made by them. Many of the demands are acceptable. I have just mentioned casually to all of you that these are the demands. Such demands are there.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: The representative of the Government was there. The representative of the DDA was there. The representatives of the employees were there. They took certain decisions...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The DDA's stand has been approved. The DDA's stand is that the demands which are within the rules and regulations of the DDA are acceptable.

Next question, Question No. 143. Nobody is any wiser from it.

Failure of crops in drought affected States

"143. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of failure of kharif and rabi crops in drought affected States, State-wise;

(b) what is the amount of Central aid in kind provided, State-wise and in how many instalments; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the aid provided is not adequate and if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.